

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :

: Confirmation No.: 9867

Serial No. 10/511,656 : Group Art Unit: 1633

Filed: April 18, 2005 : Examiner: Hill, Kevin Kai

For: MEANS AND METHODS FOR THE SPECIFIC INHIBITION OF GENES IN
CELLS AND TISSUE OF THE CNS AND/OR EYE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed in the Office Action dated June 29, 2007 in the above identified application. Applicant elects the invention that the Examiner has designated as Invention II (Claims 2-31 and 46) directed to a method of using a composition comprising one or more double-stranded oligoribonucleotides (dsRNA) for the specific modulation of the expression of target genes in cells and/or tissues of the CNS and/or eye, wherein said composition is introduced into a cell, tissue or organism outside the blood-brain or blood-retina barrier.

The Office Action set forth a one-month shortened statutory period for reply. By virtue of the enclosed Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, this response is timely filed and is fully responsive to the Office Action.

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Remarks being on page 6.